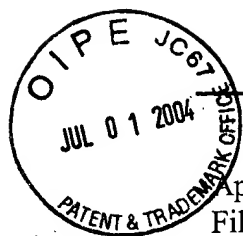


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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of March 29, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance. Applicant has included herewith a petition under 35 U.S.C. 130 for a priority claim to be accepted for the present application to claim priority as a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/375,453, titled "System and Method for Color Characterization with Applications in Color Measurement and Color Matching", filed August 17, 1999, whose inventors were Siming Lin and Dinesh Nair.

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